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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Delma R. Flores Ruiz

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

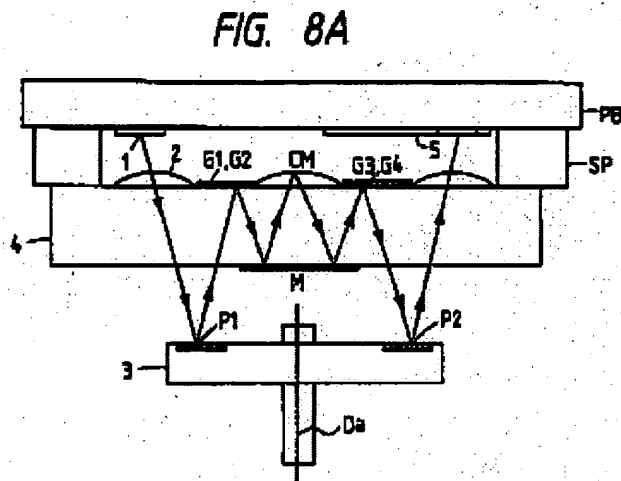
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishizuka (5,498,870).

Regarding claim 1, Ishizuka discloses in Figure 8A an optical resonator comprising: a first substrate (Character 4) and a second substrate (Character PB) which face each other, the first substrate (4) having a flat main surface on the side facing the second substrate (PB) and the second substrate having a concave portion (Character CM, Column 5, Lines 33 – 35) and a flat portion surrounding the concave portion on the side facing the first substrate; a first reflective mirror (Character M) provided on the main surface of the first substrate (4); and a second reflective mirror (Character CM) provide at least on the surface of the concave portion, wherein the main surface of the first

substrate (4) and the flat portion of the second substrate (PB) are bondable (Character SP, Column 6, Line 2 – 8).



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

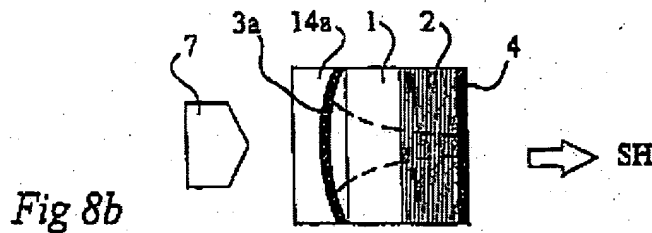
Claims 2 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishizuka (5,498,870) in view of Laurell (6,259,711)

Regarding claim 2, Ishizuka discloses in figures 3A and 8A a laser oscillator comprising: a substrate (Character GLA or 4), which has a concave portion (Character CM) and a flat portion surrounding the concave portion; a first reflective mirror (Character M) provided on or adjacent to a main surface on the side opposite to the substrate (Character GLA or 4); and a second reflective mirror (Character CM) provided at least on the surface of the concave portion of the substrate, wherein the first and the second reflective mirrors serve as a laser resonator.

Ishizuka discloses the claimed invention except for a solid-state laser medium. However, it is well known in the art to apply the laser as disclosed by Laurell in Column 1, Lines 60 – 67. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to apply the well known laser as suggested by Laurell to the laser oscillator of Ishizuka, because it will be used to emit a coherent or semi-monochromatic beam and provide lasing, see Fig. 8b Character 1 and Column 1, Lines 60 – 67. of Laurell.

Regarding claim 3, Ishizuka discloses in Figures 3A and 8A a first reflective mirror (Character M).

Regarding claim 4, Ishizuka discloses a first reflective mirror (Character M) is provided on another substrate (see Fig. 1, Character GLA), which is bonded (Character SP, Column 6, Lines 2 – 8).



Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 – 7 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 5 recites a laser oscillator structure including the specific structure limitation of *the free spectral range $\Delta\lambda_{FSR}$ of the laser resonator is larger than the half-width at half-maximum $\Delta\lambda$ of the emission spectrum of the solid state laser medium*, which is neither anticipated or disclosed nor suggested in any piece of available prior art, which is neither anticipated nor obvious over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delma R. Flores Ruiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Min Sun Harvey can be reached on (571) -272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

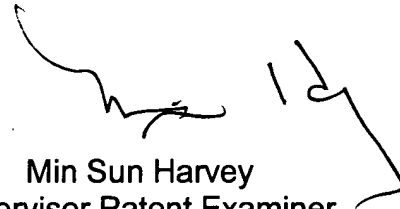
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